BOERS ACTIVE IN NATAL

PROBIBLY AIMING TO CUT OFF PART OF BULLER'S FORCE,

British Holding Their Position at Wepener Under Heavy Fire-Pretoria Report Indicates That Methuen's Advanced Column is Fighting-No Sign of a General Movement by Lord Roberts's Army.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 13.-The Boers continue their active movements east of the railway from Bloemfontein, but, with the exception of the assault on part of Gen. Brabant's command at Wepener, they do not appear to have attacked stany point. The British still hold the railway seemely, but though there are many signs of an impending advance, no move from Bloemfontein is as yet reported.

A despatch from Aliwal North, dated April 12, says that Major Dalgetty is holding his own at Wepener despite the fact that the Boers have placed two or three new guns in position. The British are husbanding their ammunition. They are said not to exceed five hundred men. Gen. Brabant with the bulk of his force being at Aliwal North.

Heavy cannonading was renewed at Wepener on Wednesday. The garrison is using the Jammersburg Drift mill for a hospital. The Boers respected the Red Cross flag and did not fre in that direction.

A despatch from Pretoria states that heavy cannonading was heard on Wednesday in the direction of Bultfontein, thirty miles northwest of Brandfort, This seems to indicate that Gen. Methaen's force was engaged, but no details have been received.

According to despatches from Natal the Poers again attacked the British positions at Elandshaagte on Wednesday and got within touch of the outposts. Rifle fire resulted and then there was an artillery duel of two hours, after which the Boers withdrew. There was no fighting yesterday.

The object of the Boers' activity in Natal is not yet obvious. Recent operations disclosed that their front extended for about fifteen miles in a continuous range of hills. It is reported that on Wednesday night parties of Boers were moving in the direction of Dewdrop and Weenen. It is suggested by some critics that the Boers are aiming to cut off the British force at Sunday River from Ladysmith.

There is no direct news from Mafeking. The Daily Mail says it understands that private telegrams have been received in London pointing out the seriousness of the situation of the besieged town and emphasizing the need of the speedy relief.

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The Daily Mail's correspondent at Lorenzo Marques reports the departure on Thursday of several fresh recruits for Pretoria, including a brother of Col. De Villebois Mareuil, the French officer on the Boer staff who was recently killed while leading a scouting party. A despatch to the Times from Bloemfontein says that the latest news received from Wepener was to the effect that Major Dalgetty was holding a position outside the town, which

itself is occupied by the Boers' Rouxville commando. The correspondent says that pressure should be partially relieved in the next wenty-four hours. A Cape Town despatch reports the arrival there on Tuesday of Strathcona's Horse, which was recruited in Canada. The mea are well,

but an epidemic of pneumonia carried off 160 horses belonging to the troop. The Times's Bloemfontein correspondent confirms THE SUN's despatch reporting the death of the Dutch military attaché with the Boers from the effects of an operation performed in the hospital at Bloemfontein.

THE RUMOR ABOUT BADEN-POWELL. Pretoria Hears That He Is Dead or Dying

of Fever. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

From THR SUN'S Correspondent at Pretoria. PRETORIA. April 10, via Lorenzo Marques, April 12, 7 A. M.-A despatch from Kroonstad dated April 10 states that Smithfield has been reoccupied by the Free Staters and that the British troops are retreating in the direction

of Aliwal North. Gen. De Wet has surrounded another British division in the vicinity of Wepener. There was

heavy fighting yesterday (Monday). Despatch riders from the Boer head laager at Glencoe, Natal, send news that at daybreak today Gen. Louis Botha made a dashing attack on the English camps at Elandslaagte. Heavy cannon and rifle fire was heard for several hours. The result is not yet known.

Confirmation of the reported killing of Gen. de Villebois Mareuil while scouting between Boshof and Kimberley has been received here. The news has created profound sorrow. If it is possible to do so, the body will be brought here to receive national honors.

A rumor is current in Pretoria that Col. Baden-Powell is either dying or dead of fever at Mafeking.

BOER PEACE TERMS.

Want Guarantee of Nestrality and Offer

Complete Disarmament.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. NAPLES, April 12.- The Boer peace envoys Messrs. Wolmarens, Fischer and Wessels, have gone to Milan. Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal diplomatic agent, has started from Brussell

for Milan to meet them. Cologne, April 12.-The Rhenish West phalian Gazette says it learns from a source connected with the Transvaal Legation at Brussels that the Boer peace commissioners, now on their way to Milan, are travelling under sealed orders, which contain the following

bases for peace overtures: First-That the neutrality of the Boer republies shall be assured under a guarantee from the great powers of Europe and the

United States of America. Second-That the fortifications of the two republies shall be demolished and the artillery and other armament of both countries shall be

BULLER'S PRAISE OF HIS MEN.

Their Work During the Two Weeks Before the Relief of Ladysmith. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

LONDON, April 13.—The Morning Post prints the following extract from a private letter written by Gen. Buller on March 3 paying a tribute to the operations of the troops under his command preceding the relief of Lady-

We began fighting on Feb. 14 and literally ought every day and nearly every night until Feb. 27. I am filled with admiration for the British solders. The manner in which they fought and indured during the last fortnight has been something more than human. They were broiled in the burning sun by day and drenched by rain at night. Lying but 300 yards from the enemy, who shoots you if you show as much as a finger, they could hardly eat or drink by day, and as they were usually attacked at night, they got little sleep, but through it all they were as cheery and wil-ling as they could be."

Queen's Thanks for Ladysmith Defenders.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 12.-The Queen has sent & telegram to the men of the cruiser Powerful, who were part of the Ladysmith garrison.
Welcoming them home and congratulating
them on them work. She adds: "I hope to see
you all shortly after my return."

New, novel and stylish. Imported and by their own de-agains. Popular prices, 6th av., 20th to 21st st.—Ads.

Roberts and Four of His Leading Generals at a Band Concert in Bloemfontein.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.

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Lieut.-Col. Inigo R. Jones of the Scots Guards has been appointed to the command of the Guards' Brigade, with the rank of Brigadier-General. Gen. Pole-Carew, the former commander of the brigade, has been appointed to

Lieut. Hix, the Dutch military attaché with the Boer forces, who was wounded at the fighting at the waterworks and who was o-day. He was wounded in the spine, and after being brought here an operation was performed and the bullet removed. He failed i to rally, however. He was buried this afternoon with military henors.

BLOEMFONTEIN, April 11.—The Chambers of Commerce of Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein recently sent a joint petition to Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony and British High Commissioner, asking him to reinclude the districts of the Orange Free State in the Customs Union as rapidly as they are proke out these districts were of course, ex- passenger trains on these divisions left on cluded from the union. Sir Alfred agreed to

a train of twenty trucks of merchandise to | operated at six miles an hour in order to avoid come into Bloemfontein. This will be the first train of this kind that has been allowed to enter the town since the occupation by the British. Hitherto only messenger trains with the personal belongings of the people on board were allowed to come in.

The Fourteenth Hussars have arrived by road from Bethulie.

ACT OF WAR BY PORTUGAL, Boers May So Consider the Landing of British Troops at Beira.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. South African Republic has notified Portugal The telegraphers recently appointed a two lodgers in the same house came that it will regard the latter's action in allow-

If, says one of the Ministerial papers to-day, the Boers take action against Portugal, Great Britain will not leave her ancient ally in the lurch and will be bound to help defend Portuguese territory if requested to do so. Any such active support will clearly entail the landing of a British force at Lorenzo Marques, and it cannot be imagined that this step will have any other sequel than granting the British the use of the railway to the Transvaal frontier.

The situation is attracting much attention on the Continent, where Portugal's attitude is very generally regarded as a breach of neutrality under British compulsion. No official view can, however, be quoted.

Portugal's defenders base their approval of her action on the treaty of June, 1891, which, they contend, not only grants the right of absolutely unrestricted passage of British subjects and British goods through the Portuguese tugal. It is further contended that the treaty is construed in the light of ancient treaties of alliance and guarantee under which the relations between Great Britain and Portugal are of reculiar intimacy, the two powers having an identity of interests which, under certain circumstances, preclude a strict application of the

eutrality laws. There is a suggestion which is not supported, however, by any direct evidence that troops now embarking at Durban, under command of Gen. Hunter, are destined for Delagoa Bay and not Cape Town, as has been reported.

PEACE PARTY AT CAPE TOWN. Now Suggest No Alternative to the Annexa-

tion of the Republics. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Cape Town. CAPE TOWN, April 12, 11:20 A. M.-The peace party shows signs of renewed activity and petitions asking that the war be stopped are being extensively circulated

It is notable that no alternative to annexation of the two republies is suggested.

BOOM ON IN HORSE MARKET. Not Only Is John Bull Purchasing Animals

Here, but Uncle Sam Is Also Buying. LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 12.-Hudson Brothers, dealers in horses and mules, announce that they have received word from Chicago of an intended visit to Louisville of a party of Eng-lish army officers who are buying horses for British cavalry use. Not less than 10,000, and perhaps as many as 35,000, horses for military service in South Africa are to be purchased by the British Government. These purchases will be made principally in Chicago, Louisville and Buffalo. Hudson Brothers said this morning that this market is now abundantly

equipped with good stock awaiting inspection. Besides the prospective trade with England's representatives. Louisville is now enjoying a brisk trade with Uncle Sam, who is buying cavalry and artillery horses by the hundred and sending them to the Western army posts. Good cavalry horses are easily bringing from \$80 to \$125, according to size and condition, and artillery horses are fetching even higher sums. The local horse and mule market has not for years enjoyed such prosperity as it now

CHICAGO, April 12.-Agents of the British Government will begin buying horses in the Chicago marke ton Saturday. Agents of local Chicago marke ton Saturday. Agents of local horse dealers have been scouring the middle West for several days in anticipation of the coming of the British buyers and the collection at the stock yards has already begun. When the sale begins the Chicago market will be the liveliest in years. If it is possible, the army men desire to collect the horses at the rate of 5,000 a week. As none but sound animals are to be accepted by the British inspectors good prices will be secured.

EDWARD O. LEECH SERIOUSLY ILL National Union Bank's Cashler Operated On for Appendicitis.

San Remo. He was taken ill suddenly on Wednesday evening with abdominal pains while preparing for dinner. Dr. Arnad G. Gerster was called in and declared, after making a careful examination, that the patient was suffering from acute appendicitis, and that an early operation would be necessary to save his life.

The operation was resolved on, and Mr. Leech was taken to Mount Sinal Hospital yesterday morning. Dr. Gerster performed the operation at 1 P. M. Last night the doctors at the hospital said Mr. Leech was getting on finely.

The West 23d Street Station

Powell of the Order of Telegraphers has ordered a strike of the telegraphers on the Southern Bailway system. The order was sent over the wires this morning. Trouble has existed between the telegraphers and the Southern Railway officials for some time. Of the 600 or more telegraphers the command of the Eleventh Army Division. employed by the Southern on its 6,000 miles of railway between Washington to Greenville, Miss., it is said that only about 10 per cent. belong to the union, but it is evident that some brought here and placed in the hospital, died | non-union telegraphers on the road are in sympathy with the movement as many of them walked out after the receipt of President Powell's order.

To-night it is impossible to tell what effect the strike will have on the operation of the Southern's lines. The company has succeeded in filling some of the strikers' places, but is experiencing considerable inconvenience in operating trains.

Four divisions of the Southern Railway radiate from Chattanooga-the Knoxville division. the Atlanta division, the Memphis division and occupied by British troops. When the war the Birmingham division. To-night all the schedule time, but freight trains are being operated irregularly. On the Alabama Great Gen. Roberts has issued an order permitting | Southern Railway the freight trains are being collisions.

The strike is being directed from this point by A. B. Stillwell of St. Louis, chief assistant to President Powell. He says that all the union operators have complied with President Powell's order and he predicts that the Southern system will soon be tied up unless the officials

The principal cause of the strike is the failure of telegraphers to secure the restoration of a 10 per cent. cut made in their wages several years ago. The matter has been discussed with the Southern officials, but they did not come to a decision, as they desired to ficial confirmation of the statement that the and not as members of the union. committee to confer with division superining British troops to be landed at Beira as a casus belli, there is apparently good reason for believing that such is the case. The fact, if it is a fact, obviously opens up possibilities that will have a most important bearing upon the present war.

If says one of the Ministerial papers to-day. The various grievances were submitted to a

President Powell's order to the operators

"To All Telegraphers Employed on the Southern

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"W. V. Powelle, President Order of Railroad Telegraphers."

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Since the order went out over the wires telegraph messengers have been flowing into his room with messages in answer to the order. The messages are said to be from the operators on all lines of the Southern, declaring that the men will stand firm.

Train 38, the Washington and New York vestibuled limited, which leaves Atlanta at noon, pulled out of the Union depot on time. Whether it will be held up by the red board is a matter of conjecture. President Powell of the telegraphers order said railway telegraphers are scarce and that it would be impossible for the road to hire men in the place of the operators who walked out this morning. "I have requests from several roads for numbers of operators," he said, "and cannot find the men for the jobs. The Southern cannot get men in the places of our men."

The turning of the red board at the stations means that all trains must come to a stand-still—freight trains, passenger trains and work trains alike—unless the road officials in some way get orders to the trainmen along the line to disregard the red board and proceed to their destination.

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President Powell in a statement issued to the public from here to-day says in part:

"I have inaugurated a strike of the telegraphers on the Southern Railway, effective to-day. April 12, at 11 o'clock. This action was made necessary by the refusal of the company to treat with its employees in the telegraph department. The men made every honorable effort through their committees to reach an amicable and peaceful settlement of the trouble. Instead of treating with the men the company waged an outrageous secret warfare on the telegraphers, discharging the men who dared to stand up for their fellows. I realize fully the responsibility of this action, and desire to say to the general public that it is only taken after patience ceased to be a virtue and only after it was clearly demonstrated that the Southern Railway officials had no intention of doing justice to their employees."

J. L. Edwards, chief cierk to Asst. Gen. Supt. Thompson, said to-night that few men have obeyed Powell's order. He says:

"All passenger and freighttrains on the lifese out of Atlanta are running on time. I judge from this that none of our despatchers has left his post. Mr. Hodges, our chief despatcher, said he has a car of operators out on the Greenville division, and that all the places vacated will be filled at once. He says he has three times as many applications as he has jobs to fill. The strike cannot be successful in tying up the road. We have many operators at other work who will go to their keyboards in a pinch. There are twenty operators in the Southern's offices in Atlanta who will go to work again as operators if they are needed."

Macon, Ga., April 12.—The situation in the strike of the Southern telegraphers is quiet here. Passenger trains are being operated on regular schedules, and so far as can belearned the main offices in this division of the road are open. Two svations on the Atlanta division, Dames Ferry and Holton; two stations on the Columbus division and the yard President Powell in a statement issued to the

On for Appendicitis.

Mr. Edward O. Leech, cashier and Second Vice President of the National Union Bank at 28 Nassau street, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Mount Sinai Hospital yesterday afternoon.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 12.—Many telegraph op-rators along the line of the Southern Rail-way went on strike at 11 o'clock to-day, Nearly

Washington, April 12.—Frank S. Gannon, Third Vice-President and general manager of the Southern Railway, made the following statement this afternoon in regard to the telegraphare strike. raphers' strike:

"About 15 per cent, of the men have thought of no such thing as a grievance. There has been no disturbance and agents of the Order of Railway Telegraphers have been engaged here for three years in trying to get members. Recently the order presented to a committee of their own selection rules, regulations and rates of pay which were unreasonable in the extreme. Mr. Powell, President of the order, telegraphed to agents and operators this morning to quit

Powell, President of the order, telegraphed to agents and operators this morning to quit work at 11 o'clock to-day, and so far about twenty men out of 1,400 seem to have gone out. There is no disturbance and no delay whatever has been caused. Matters are moving regularly."

In reply to a question whether the road would take any action regarding the strike, Mr. Ganon said that provided any of the striking operators had had a good record, such men would receive favorable consideration upon applying for relustatement.

DR. JAMES R. COCKE FOUND DEAD. Well-Known Boston "Hypnotist Surgeon

a Suicide or Murdered-His Wife Detained. Boston, April 12 .- Dr. James R. Cocke, the well-known blind hypnotist surgeon and author, was found dead in his room at 23 Pinckney street shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, a pistol bullet being the supposed cause of his death. His wife, Charlotte Harrington, whom the doctor made his third wife seven weeks ago, is detained by the police to-night, pending an autopsy by the medical examiner. The case is regarded as mysterious by the police owing to the fact that there were no witnesses to tell whether the man died from his own hand or was murdered.

The woman, who was formerly employed as a clerk in Dr. Cocke's office, was in the house at the time he met his death. but a report of the affair did not London, April 13.—Although there is no oftreat with the telegraphers as individuals, to-night. At that time, over five hours after the man had been discovered dead, to station three and reported that there had been a suicide at 23 Pickney street. Mrs. Cocke says that she did not leave the house until after 7 o'clock this evening, when she went out to send a despatch to some friends in Washington and at the same time to pay a visit to Dr. Dwight of Beacon street, seeking, she says, advice as to what to do in the case.

The woman told a story about the doctor and herself being agents for the Russian Gov-ernment and for this reason she thought it best to send her grams before taking any action as to the disposition of the body. As soon as the police were notified a physician examined the body, but could find no bullet wound upon it. He was of the opinion that death had been caused

by a bullet fired into the mouth. Dr. Cocke was one of the best known alienists in the country. His work in the field of hypnotism and his books upon the subject are called standard. He had also lectured widely. Dr. Cocke had made technical scientific tests of hypnoties before learned bodies and had been honored by tributes from Russia, France, Germany and England. Although entirely blind almost from infancy, he was considered one of the most powerful experts in hypnotism known. He was graduated from Har-vard University school of medicine in June 1892, and it is said that he received 98 per cent, upon his examination in practical anatomy. He was the author of many books upon hypnotic subjects, among them "Hypnotism, Its Uses and Dangers," "Mind in Modern Medicine," "Hypnotism in Surgery," and an interesting book upon "Blind Leaders of the

Blind." His first wife was Carrie Green of Springfield. and in December, 1893, he wedded, as a supposed bachelor. Ellie Townsend of Hartford, Conn. The second wife sued him and his first wife for conspiracy in keeping their wedlock secret. Divorces ensued in the cases of both these wives. He was 37 years old and his third wife is about the same age.

REQUIESCUNT.

A Too Inclusive Scriptural Text on the Dr.

John Hall Tablet. There is a discussion amounting almost to scandal in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church over the tablet recently placed in the vestibule in memory of the Rev. Dr. John Hall. The text of Scripture which is inscribed on the tablet has caused much comment in the church and outside of it, and there are not a few of the congregation who feel that something should be done to modify the work of the committee that had the preparation of the tablet in charge, A well-known member of the congregation

A well-known member of the congregation said yesterday:

"Or course none of us believes that the committee or any member of it had any idea of reflecting on Dr. Hall by selecting that inscription. But the hundreds of men and women who have belonged to the congregation in Dr. Hall by time hate to feel that the only memorial to him is to be a tablet that cannot but provoke a smile on the face of every victor to the church. The church had altogether too much of the attention of the general public the months just preceding Dr. Hall's death to endure another commotion just now for any cause, and it may be for that reason, that nothing will be done about this tablet if the committee show a disposition to stick to their very unfortunate selection. But we will not let it remain forever. That is certain."

The tablet is on the wall of the vestibule of the church, at the right of the principal door. It is thus inscribed:

Rev. JOHN HALL, D. D., LL. D. Born County Armagh, Ireland, July M., 1829. Died County Down, Ireland, September 17, 1808. For forty-nine years A Presbyterlan Minister, Pastor of this Church. Pastor of this Church From Nov. 5, 1867, to Sept. 17, 1898 There remainesh therefore a rest to the people of God."

NORPOLE, Va., April 12.-During a rain and hall storm to-day lightning struck the frame public school house at Currituck, twenty-five miles south of Virginia Beach. Thomas O'Neill, a pupil, was instantly killed and another boy was hurt mortally. The building caught fire

for household disinfection. Odoriess and cheap.

NO DOUBLE DECK TURRETS. IMPORTANT ACTION OF THE NAVAL

By a Vote of 4 to 1 They Adopt a Battery Arrangement for the Battleships-Eight-Inch Guns Increased From 4 to 8, to Be

BOARD ON CONSTRUCTION.

Mounted in 4 Turrets, 2 on Each Beam. WASHINGTON, April 12.-By a vote of 4 to 1. Rear Admirals O'Netl, Melville and Hichborn and Capt. Sigsbee voting in the affirmative, and Rear Admiral Bradford in the negative. the Naval Board on Construction to-day adopted a new battery arrangement for the battleships Pennsylvania. New Jersey and Georgia, authorized by Congress at its last session. While the vote was had on the question of the addition of four 8-inch guns to the main battery, making eight guns of that calibre on each ship, the principle of the adoption of turrets of the superimposed type for the new vessels was involved. Rear Admiral Bradford advocated the installation of superimposed turrets and opposed the battery arrangement proposed, because it did not provide for mounting the big guns in structures of that character.

The session was devoted almost wholly to a discussion of the composition and arrangement of the main battery of these powerful and fast armorelads. A proposition that the number of 8-inch guns be increased beyond the number practically agreed on yesterday. while retaining the powerful broadsides of sixes, met with favor from all except Admiral Bradford. This proposition was that the main battery be augmented by increasing the number of 8-inch rifles from four to eight, to be mounted in four turrets, two on each beam, thus giving the new ships the same number of twelves and eights as the Iowa. There has been no question about the number of 12-inch rifles or their arrangement, but it was believed heretofore by some of the members of the board that with the broadsides of twelve 6-inch rapid-fire rifles, four eights would be sufficient. To counterbalance, to some extent, the additional weight of the four extra eights and two more turrets, the board may reduce the broadsides from twelve to ten 6-inch rifles; five instead of six on each beam. In the main battery each of the new ships will be superior to the Iowa in having ten or twelve 6-inch rifles to the Iowa's six 4-inch rifles.

The board discussed the successful tests of the Strauss superimposed turrets of the battleship Kearsarge, but there was no inclination shown to adopt structures of that type for the battleships under consideration. It is evident that there is a disposition among members of the board to damn the superimposed turrets with faint praise, the principal reason given for that attitude being that the tests which have taken place are of little value in determining the comparative advantages of the superimposed over the ordin-The various grievances were submitted to a vote of the telegraphers on the Southern system by President Powell through correspondence, and there was an overwhelming majority in layor of the strike which has been ordered. The railway officials do not believe that the strike will amount to much. They say that all trains will be running regularly soon, as they have made arrangements to fill the places of nil the strikers will company to the door to see if they had arrived.

ATLANA, Ga. April 12—President Powell of the Railroad Telegraphers is in Atlanta looking after the Southern strike. He says that the effect will be at once to paralyze the business on the 6,000 miles of the southern system. He says that a great number of the telegraphers have gone out and it will be introssible to note of the strikers of Assistant Superintendent Thompson, denied that the services of the union operators. He said that no lines had been blocked so far as he had heard and he believed the road would be able to get telegraphers in piace of the strikers.

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As the detailed designs of the new vessels will not be ready for six months at least, more than a year must clapse before the contractors will reach the limitation of time within which changes in the character of the turrets may be made. If before that period of limitation expires the superiority of the superimposed turrets on the Kearsarge should be demonstrated in a way to satisfy the Navy Department that they are a distinct advance over the ordinary turrets, the chances for their adoption for the Pennsylvania and her sisters must necessarily be improved, despite the professional opinions expressed by members of the Board on Construction. The next opportunity to judge of their value will be given when the Kentucky is tried. The trial will take place shortly.

While the action of the Board on Construction to-day was not directly on the question of installing the Strauss turret on the new battleships, it indicates, to say the least, that four of the five members of the board are not willing to sanction the superimposed type. Of the four, only one, Rear Admiral Melville was regarded as favorably inclined toward the new turret arrangement. The plans now under consideration are intended also for the two battleships authorized by the Naval bill now before the House of Representatives. Should these battleships be authorized, they will be constructed, if the board's desires are followed, on the plans being drawn for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Georgia.

The question of sheathing eine up at today's session, but was not decided. Four of the five members of the board recently advocated the repeal by Congress of the provision that the three battleships be sheathed, but the House Committee on Naval Affairs has reported in favor of giving the Secretary of the Navy discretion in the matter.

TO FORM A FACTORY SETTLEMENT.

The Provident Realty Company to Start a

So-Called Altruistic Enterprise. TRENTON, N. J., April 12.-The Provident Realty Company has been formed to establish an altruistic factory settlement at Belle Meade, about twelve miles from this city. The company has already organized itself, secured a charter from the Secretary of State and elected its officers. The President of the company is John Guild Muirheid of this city. William G. Moore, cashier of the Trenton Trust Company. is Treasurer and Scott Scammel, a lawyer, is Secretary and general counsel. The prime mover in the company is William J. Robinson of Red Bank, who is the general manager of the real estate department of the Knicker-bocker Mortgage Company of New York. The capital stock of the company is \$350,000, of which \$150,000 is treasury stock and guaranteed by the trust company. All the stock is fully raid up and non-assessable.

The plan is to start a cettlement similar to those of the Krupp Company in Essen, Germany, and the National Cash Register Company of Ohio. In this instance, however, the settlement will be made up of many small manufacturers who find it impossible to compete with their large contemporaries, instead of one large concern. The buildings of the settlement will be constructed so as to provide for employees especially the best possible surroundings, and it is proposed to erect a number of large buildings which will be given over rent free to manufacturers who are cramped in lofts in New York and other cities. mover in the company is William J. Robinson

ARCHBISHOP HENNESSY'S WILLS, Two Later Than the One Probated Have Been Discovered.

DUBUQUE, Ia., April 12. - The late Archbishop Hennessy's brother, Michael, has petiioned the District Court to annul the Archbishop's will dated Jan. 17 last, alleging that two wills dated the following day and witnessed by the priests who witnessed the protated instrument have been discovered among

the Archbishop's papers and are attached to this petition.

In the probated instrument the Archbishop gave his brother, sister and nieces three dwellings only, the remainder of his vast estate, except a lew small bequests, going to the Catholic University, to the proposed seminary here and to religious communities and charities. The probated instrument is allent regarding the estate of his brother, the late D. J. Hennessy of St. Faul, to which the Archbishop fell heir. It is understood that this is mentioned in the later instruments, but the witnesses cannot say which of these later instruments they sinced last. For this reason it is thought probable that the entire estate will fall to the heirs at law.

Poland! Poland! Poland! Poland! Millions of bottles prescribed annually .- Ada

MARRIED IY TELEGRAPH.

Bride Was in Oklahoma and the Bride groom and Minister in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY. Mo., April 12.-Andrew M Candell of Washington D. C., and Penelope Cundiff were married by telegraph on Thursday. Mr. Candell was in Kansas City. Kan., and wanted Miss Cundiff to leave her home in Perkins. Oklahoma, and come to Kansas to marry him. Miss Cundiff's parents did not want her to leave home until she was a bride and the idea of being married by telegraph was suggested.

Mr. Candell went to the Probate Judge's office and secured the marriage license. He then went to the telegraph office in company with the Rev. Albert H. Linder, pastor of the London Heights M. E. church; Joseph Cripe, his brother-in-law, and Miss Anna Epperson The telegraph office at Perkins was signalled and the answer came back that the young lady was there. Then the Rev. Mr. Linder sent this message:

"Mr. Candell and Miss Cundiff, do you mutually agree to be joined together in mar-

ringe?" Miss Cundiff answered: "Yes." The bridegroom, who was standing by, answered in the affirmative and the minister sent another message which read: "I therefore pronounce you man and wife.'

TRAMP WAS CAPTIVE ON A FENCE. Dog Held Him a Prisoner-Caused Him the

Loss of a Night's Rest. READING, Pa., April 12.-George Glass of Wernersville relieved a tramp of a great deal of misery this afternoon. Glass had been out over South Mountain and returning by a lonely road came across a man astride a fiverail fence. On the ground was a feroclous black and white bound barking and snarling at the man, who shouted to Glass that the brute was mad. Glass halted and, when satisfled that the animal was afflicted, he got a gun and killed the dog. In sheer exhaustion the tramp fell, and Glass thought he had killed

When revived, the tramp said he had been on the fence all night in terror of the dog that had chased him the day before. It was the first night's sleep he had ever lost.

CALLS SOCIETY WOMEN SOCIALISTS. Their Crusade Against Sweat Shops De-

clared to Prolong a Tailors' Strike. CHICAGO, April 12.-Socialistic views entertained by persons of wealth are declared by President M. H. McCarthy of the Merchant Tailors' Association to constitute the chief cause of the prolongation of the strike in the tailoring trade of the city. Decause of the aid and comfort extended to the strikers by such crusaders against sweat shops as Mrs. Emmons Blaine, Miss Jane Addams of Hull House and Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin every attempt at a settlement of the strike, according to Mr. McCarthy, has been rendered futile. A severe shock was experienced by President McCarthy and others of the merchant tailors, when it dawned upon a delegation of them in confer-ence with the women of the Consumers' League that a majority of the women were and are "out-and-out socilastics." as Mr. McCarthy

are "out-and-out sociastics." as Mr. McCarthy expresses it.

The discovery in regard to Mrs. Emmons Blaine's socialistic views was particularly surprising to the delegations of tailors, none of whom had so much as suspected that a daughter of the wealthy house of McCormick had become fascinated with the theory that socialism was the panacea for the industrial ills of the time. Mrs. Emmons Blaine is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Consumers League and an active worker in the organization. When told that Mr. McCarthy had asserted she was "an avowed Socialist," she answered: "I have nothing to say." Bhe declared, however, that she was in thorough sympathy with the antisweat shop crusade of the Consumers' League and that she was connected officially with that organization. Associated with her in the work of the league are many of the leading society women of the city who are determined to put an end to sweat shops in the tailoring trade.

E. BOUDINGT COLT FOUND DEAD.

Discovery Was Made There.

E. Boudinot Colt, a director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was found dead last evening in a lavatory adjoining his private office in the Equitable building at 120 Broadway. Death is supposed to have been the result of apoplexy. Mr. Colt came in from Newark yesterday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Committee on Finance, of which he was a member. After the meeting he went to his private office on the second floor to get his things to go home. About 6 o'clock, when the mees had closed, a porter went into Mr. Colt's office to clean the windows and saw

office to clean the windows and saw Mr. Colt's overcoat and hat lying on the table. He summoned James Griffin, a son of the superintendent of the building, and Griffin unlocked the door of the private lavatory, adjoining the office. Mr. Colt was found on the floor. He had evidently been stricken while washing his hands. Coroner Hart gave a permit for the removal of the body to an undertaker's at 82 Liberty street.

Mr. Colt had been adirector of the society for more than fifteen years. He was a graduate of Princeton class of 1843, a son of John Colt of Paterson, and a cousin of Col. Samuel Colt of Hartford, the inventor of the revolver. E. Boudinot Colt was born in Paterson 48 years ago, and nearly all his life was connected in one way or another with the Society for the Promotion of Useful Manufactures, which controlled the water nower at Paterson falls and incidentally the water supply of Paterson until the East Jersey Water Company acquired the latter interests some years ago. Mr. Colt moved to Newark about ten or twelve vears ago and lived in Broad street with his wite, a daughter and two sons. The two sons came to this city yesterday to make arrangements for the removal of their father's body.

NO CANAL BILL THIS SENSON, The Senate Votes, 33 to 15, Not to Take It

Up for Consideration. WASHINGTON, April 12.-In the Senate to-day Mr. Morgan (Dem., Ala.) asked unanimous consent to have the Micaragua Canal bill made the regular order for April 30. Mr. Lodge (Rep., Mass.)-I do not see how I

—as follows:

YEAS—Messis, Bacon, Hate, Herry, Clay, Culberton, Daniel, Foster, HARRIS, HUTTFILD, Jones (Ark.), Jones (Nev.), Money, Petkins, Taliaverro and Vest—15,

NAYS—Messis, Allison, Baker, Bard, Carter, Cullom, Davis, Deboe, Depow, Falrisanks, Foraker Gallinger, Hansbrough, Hawley, Kear, Lodge, McComas, McCumber, McMillan, Martin, Nelson, Pettigrew, Platt (Conn.), Platt (N. V.), Quarles, Rovs, Scott, Sewell, Shoup, Siewart, Teller, Thurson, Tillman and Warren—33.

[Republicans and Silver Republicans in toman, Democrats in Italies and Populists in small capitals.]

\$70,000 for Cuban Teachers at Barvard. CAMBRIDGE, April 12 .- The following telegram went last evening to Gen. Wood in Ha-

"President and Fellows Harvard University voted unanimously guarantee \$70,000. Welcome 1 450 Cuban teachers."

This action on the part of the President and Fellows of Harvard University guarantees the success of the scheme to bring Cuban teachers here.

Dr. van Dyke Buys a House.

TRENTON, N. J., April 12.-The Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke, formerly pastor of the Brick Church. New York, and who was lately appointed Professor of English Literature at Princeton University, has purchased the Concret homes read, directly opposite that of expression to Cover homes the Concret homes and directly opposite that of expression to the Edumenical Convention which is to meet in this city.

From 7.A. M. to Midnight

The Superb Physical Condition Of the Pennsylvania Railroad renders its trains swift, MISS ROCKEFELLER TO WED.

HER ENGAGEMENT TO P. P. PREN-

PRICE TWO CENTS.

TICE OF CHICAGO ANNOUNCED. The Second Daughter of John D. Rockes feller - A Musician and an Expert Swime

mer and Skater-Mr. Prentice a Lawyer-

Dinner Given Last Night in Their Honer

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller announce the engagement of their daughter Alta to E. Parmalee Prentice of Chicago, who has been a practising lawyer in that city for a number of years. He is about 35 years old. Miss Rockefeller is the second child of John D. Rockefeller. The oldest, Bessie, married Prof. Charles Strong of Chicago University. and a younger sister, Edith, married Harold M'Cormick, son of Cyrus H. M'Cormick of Chicago, the manufacturer of reapers. Miss Rockefeller is 30 years old. She is a proficient performer on the piano and the violin, and when she lived in Cleveland used to lead the singing in the Sunday school of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, with the assistance of her sister Edith. She also taught a class in that Sunday school, and since the family came to New York she has had a class in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, to which the family bolong. She is a good linguist, speaking French and German fluently. She is very fond of swimming and skating, and in the winter the court around the house in Fifty-fourth street is flooded and made a private rink for the use of herself and

made a private rink for the use of hersell and her friends. She has one brother, John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Mr. Prentice is a first cousin of Ezra Parmaice Prentice of 9 West Sixteenth street, who is a student in the New York Law School.

Chicago, April 12.—The announcement that Miss Aita Rockefeller is to marry E. Parmaice Prentice of Chicago, was made to-night at a dinner given by Mrs. Harold McCormick for her sister and Mr. Prentice.

Mr. Prentice is a member of the smart set and is a son of S. Ardeil Prentice, a well-known attorney. The young man is 35 years of age and is engaged in the practice of law with his father at 115 Monroe street. He is a member of the Chicago and University clubs of Chicago and of the University Club of New York. He has been interested in athletics and stands high as a golf and tennis player. His father is quite wealthy and much of the young man's time is taken up in the management of the family estate. He lives with his parents at 10 Tower court. The announcement to-night came as a surprise, as it was not known that there was anything but a passing acquaintance between Miss Rockefeller and Mr. Frentice.

AMERICAN FLEET AT BERMUDA. Pritish Welcome Admiral Pargubar and the Men of the North Atlantic Squadron.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Hamilton, Bermuda, April 12.-The Amerian North Atlantic equadron, under command of Rear Admiral Fargubar, arrived here this morning. All on board are well. The ships

anchored off the British dockyard. Admiral Farquhar, accompanied by the members of his staff, landed at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The party came ashore at the club steps and were received by a guard of honor from the West India Regiment and the regimental band, which played "Hail Columbia!" All the officers of the station were presregimental band, which played "Hall Columbia!" All the officers of the station were present. A salute of thirteen guns was fired from Fort Hamilton. The party took carriages and were driven to Government House, the people along their route cheering them heartily. Great preparations are being made by the officers of the British fleet for the entertainment of the American officers. A grand ball will be given in their honor on April 17.

FOUND BOTH PARENTS DEAD.

Elevator Boy Discovers a Double Suicide on Reaching Home From Work. Carl Wilstrom, Jr., the elevator boy in the Rose Building in West Forty-second street. when he went home to 325 East Thirty-fifth street last night, found the door of his parents' flat on the fourth floor locked, and had to climb flat on the fourth floor locked, and had to climb in by way of the fire escape. There was a strong smell of gas when he opened the window and he called the janitor, who went in with him.

Carl Wilstrom, the boy's father, was lying dead on the dining room floor. His wife was dead on the bed in the next bedroom. All of the gas jets were turned on and the crevices in the windows and doors had been stopped up. Young Wilstrom said that his mother had been ill lately and that his father, who was a tailor, had been despondent over had business. They had given no hint of suicide when he left the house in the morning.

FAMOUS CONCORD CHURCH BURNED.

Stood Where the Provincial Congress Met -Emerson and Thorean Attended It. CONCORD, Mass., April 12.-The First Parish church was destroyed by fire early this morning. The cause of the fire is unknown. Workmen had been engaged about the church recently, renovating the interior. The church was on the site of the famous structure which was built in 1712, in which the first Provincial Congress was held in 1775. It contained many of the timbers of the old edifice. It was here that Emerson, Thoreau and other literary men worshipped.

Literary exercises in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Concord fight were to have been held in the church next week.

The Hon E. H. Nebeker and the Hon. F. B. Posey in an Altercation in Indianapolis. INDIANAPOLIS, April 12.-E. H. Nebeker, former Treasurer of the United States, and Frank P. Posey, former Congressman and candidate for the Republican nomination for Govdidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, met in the Denison Rotel lobby to-day and a row occurred. Nebeker accused Posey of having written to a delegate reflecting on his political methods. Posey replied that he had written he letter and that he was justified in so doing by Nebeker's own assertion that he was the boss of the district. One word led to mother till both became very much excited and were upon the point of assault when persons in the lobby interfered and separated them.

LAND FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.

Gen. Ballington Booth Hears From IIIs Wife of a Valuable Gift.

have in charge (the Philippine bill).

Mr. Morgan—I shall feel bound to antagonize that bill with the Nicaragua Canal bill.

Later in the day Mr. Morgan moved to proceed to the consideration of the Nicaragua Canal bill.

As the success of this motion would displacethe Philippine bill, Mr. Lodge (Rep., Mass.) demanded the yeas and nays.

The motion was defeated—yeas, 15; nays, 33
—as follows:

YEAS—Messis, Bacon, Refer Rescue Control of the Nicaragua Canal in carrying out these purposes.

Charles M. Schwab returned to Atlantic City yesterday and joined his family at the Brighton. Mr. Schwab is in need of rest and will go to Europe in about two weeks. He will

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probably go to Europe in about two weeks. He will probably go to Fittsburg in a few days to make preparations for his trip abroad. His journey abroad will doubtless start a rumor of some kind as Mr. Cramp is now on the bigh seas and Mr. Carnegie will shortly leave New York for his residence in Scotland. Deaconesses Mustn't Ride Bicycles. CINCINNATI, April 12 .- At the meeting of the

eyeles. Henry A. Saizer, the Treasurer of the board, brought up the subject, at the request of the denconesses, but the proposition, after a short debate, was voted down.

Gen. Harrison Coming To-lay. Ex-President Benjamin Harrison and hir wife will arrive in the city to-day and will r

From 7 A. M. to Midnight There is a through train every hour leaving deand Central Station by the New York Central. I wo cent militage flucies are good. Trains illuminated Pintsch Light.—Ada.